

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
OCTOBER 3, 2014 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Sandra Miller, Vice-Chairperson called the meeting of the Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists to order on Friday, October 3, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in Lower Level Conference Room B, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Miller announced that this was a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law was posted.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Rene Tiedt introduced Misti Lutt-Chmeil, BC-HIS as the new Hearing Instrument Specialist representative. The Board welcomed Ms. Lutt-Chmeil and wished her well.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members and Staff were present:

Dr. Sandra Miller	Dr. Mark Brenner
Michael Pierce	Misti Lutt-Chmeil
Rene Tiedt, Program Manager	Bill Wisell, Health Licensing Coordinator
Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, Department Legal	Ed Vierk, Assistant Attorney General
Jeff Newman, Investigations	Dennis Scott, Investigations
Russ Fosler, Investigations	

The following Board member was absent: Sam White and Dr. Britt Thedinger

ADOPTION OF REVISED AGENDA

Dr. Brennan moved, seconded by Mr. Pierce to approve the revised agenda as presented. Voting aye: Brennan, Miller, Pierce and Lutt-Chmeil Voting nay: None Absent: White and Thedinger Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pierce moved, seconded by Dr. Brennan to approve the June 20, 2014 meeting minutes. Voting aye: Miller, Pierce, Lutt-Chmeil Voting nay: None Absent: White and Thedinger Motion carried.

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board scheduled the next meeting for January 16, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Pierce moved, seconded by Ms. Lutt-Chmeil to move into closed session at 1:12 p.m. for the purposes of discussing matters involving investigative reports. Voting aye: Pierce, Lutt-

**These minutes have not been approved by the
Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists**

Chmeil, Brennan and Miller Voting nay: None Absent: White and Thedinger Motion carried.

Dr. Miller left the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Mr. Scott, Mr. Newman and Mr. Fosler left the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Ms. Glover-Ettrich and Dr. Miller joined the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Mr. Vierk left the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Ms. Lutt-Chmeil moved, seconded by Mr. Pierce to move into open session at 2:37 p.m. Voting aye: Lutt-Chmeil, Brennan, Miller and Pierce Voting nay: None Absent: White and Thedinger Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Tiedt provided an update to the status of Title 172 NAC 75 Practice of Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers and Fitters. This was informational purposes only.

Ms. Lutt-Chmeil provided information about the International Hearing Society 63rd Annual Convention and Expo scheduled for September 18-20, 2014 in Palm Springs, CA. Ms. Lutt-Chmeil indicated that this was a wonderful learning experience and recommended that the Board send a representative to the meeting next year.

Ms. Tiedt provided the Board a copy of an editorial from the Des Moines Register that discussed the licensure and training requirements of Hearing Instrument Specialists in the State of Iowa. The information about the editorial was from the International Hearing Society, which offered a rebuttal to the editorial. This was for informational purposes only.

Mr. Wisell provided a copy of the Application Processing Report. The report is for informational purposes only.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*****signature available upon request*****

Dr. Marc Brennan, Secretary

Prepared by Bill Wisell, Health Licensure Coordinator